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The Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, San Leandro, Hayward, California.
Organization Sunday, May 1, 1949
Left to right: Rev. Franklin A. Swanson, Pastor; R. A. Meyer, Vice President of the Church Council; Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of the ULCA.

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Epiphany Church in San Leandro

by R. H. GERBERDING

which dedicated a fine new building on Dec. 3

How do home missions in the theran Church keep up with popu- ion trends? A good answer is ilable in California, which recent- became the second state in popu- ion. The remarkable population owth of the Pacific coast has not ught the Lutheran Church asleep. gether with all the other Lutheran dies the United Lutheran Church ough its Board of American Mis- ns has been alert to the growing need for church work there.

Within the past two years the board has approved ten fields for occupancy. It entered nine of these fields with active full-time missionary service, some of the nine having been approved earlier, leaving several still unoccupied. In that same period it organized nine new congregations and helped finance eight church buildings besides many parsonages and lot purchases.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
San Leandro, Hayward, California

Looking from chancel at typical congregation in the banquet room of the Green Shutter Hotel.

Typical of all of this activity is the story of Epiphany Church at San Leandro, which dedicated its fine new building on Dec. 3, 1950. This is a field that is growing so fast in population that within these two years it has been designated by three different names. First it was Hayward; then Ashland and finally San Leandro. The reason, of course, was that smaller communities began growing together. Ashland was finally absorbed by San Leandro, and the location chosen for the new church happened to be within the new corporate limits of the latter.

Pastor Swanson Takes Over

For three years prior to the actual undertaking of the work, the California Synod had been trying to get the clearance of the regional home mission committee of the National Lutheran Council for this field. As soon as this was granted the alert President J. P. Beasom had a pastor ready to put to work. He was the Rev. Franklin A. Swanson, then serving a mission he had developed at Inglewood, Cal. Prior to two years' service in the navy, before he began to develop Inglewood, he had organized in Los Angeles a church which is now Transfiguration.

Pastor Swanson arrived in the San Leandro area on January 15, 1949, and immediately began calling on those people whose names had been revealed in the survey made in June and July, 1948, by two seminary students under the direction of the survey division of the Board of American Missions. The surveyors had found 1995 unchurched members of other denominations and 1613 who were totally unchurched. There were 380 former members of Lutheran churches. They also discovered over 2000 Sunday-school prospects. Ashland was then an unincorporated village between Hayward and San Leandro. Alameda county was a growing suburb of Oakland. Its population had grown from 11,445 in 1930 to 22,903 in 1944. It was almost entirely residential with single homes springing up almost overnight in all directions. A new district being built at that time had 4000 homes under construction. There was no doubt about the prospects for a thriving congregation.

The Church is Organized

The first service was held in the banquet room of the Green Shutter hotel in Hayward. There were 108 attendants. Pastor Swanson had advertised the service by direct mail and by a big block ad in the local newspapers and preached on the subject "A Tremendous Challenge." From that time on there was an enthusiastic group working toward an organized church and a building of their own. By Easter Sunday seven children had been gathered by baptism and throughout that month the number baptized was twelve, of whom three were adults. Organization took place two months later with 135 charter members, of whom 104 were adults.

It is not uncommon for the president of a synod to be present at the organization of a new congregation but Epiphany Church, San Leandro

nique in having as its honored that day President F. C. Fry, of United Lutheran Church in rica. The California Synod was ing in conjunction with other Na- l Lutheran Council bodies on 4 to celebrate the centennial of eranism in California. The enter- ng pastor took advantage of this sion to invite the President of his ch to preach on organization day.

Housing Problems

ne housing of a new congregation lways a pressing problem. Not was the hotel room inadequate increasing the attendance but it wed no facilities whatever for day school. Then, too, a lot of ey was being expended for rent he pastor, which might have gone ard a parsonage. So before long synod applied to the Board of erican Missons for help in acquir- a parsonage. A fine new home in growing residence district was se- ed for $12,500, toward which the rd of American Missions advanc- $11,000. The terms were such the carrying cost to the congre- on, including both repayment and rest, was less than $65 a month.

he next investment was in lots for hurch. These, too, were acquired gely by a loan from the board. e total cost was $12,500, of which congregation raised $1,500. The blem of a new church was eased the pastor's acquaintance with y officials. He learned of the avail- lity of a navy chapel at a very low ire. The total cost of moving and placing it upon the lot and finishing it for service was $23,000. Toward that the congregation raised $10,000. Again the Board of American Missions gave help by a loan in the sum of $12,000. The congregation was given 28 years in which to pay the bulk of it. Eleven thousand dollars was to be without interest for six years and at 2 per cent thereafter, and the other thousand dollars on a sliding scale so that the carrying costs would be well within the ability of the membership.

More Pastors Needed

The dedication day was a happy one, with President Beasom of California Synod preaching the sermon. The building seats approximately 350 people and has added to it a wing which serves for parish house purposes. Thus the growing community is provided with a church of which the whole ULCA can be proud and the work will continue as a growing asset to the synod and national church body.

Such work is being done continually throughout the United States and Canada and could be done at a far greater rate if there was an unlimited supply of consecrated men who could be put into the many open fields. The work of the Board of American Missions, while it administers substantial sums of money to accomplish this task and could always use more, has a greater hindrance in the lack of qualified pastors. The laymen of the Church could do a great deal by encouraging young men to prepare for and enter the ministry.

Honorary Life Membership

by P. G. BEER

The question may rightly be asked for whom and why shall we take out Honorary Life and In Memoriam memberships. More answers could be given than we could narrate in the limited space allotted here but we will endeavor to give at least a few answers to the above questions.

To pay tribute to the faithful officers and workers in our Brotherhood and to those who have served in other branches of our church's work.

To show our love and esteem to relatives and friends by placing their names on the Honorary Life Membership roll.

To encourage our young men and women as they enter the pastorate or diaconate at the time of their ordination or consecration.

To inspire our missionaries and other church workers in foreign countries as they enter upon their arduous labors.

To express our esteem to our pastors and their wives who have dedicated their lives to the service of the Master in our midst.

To give a living gift on Christmas, birthdays, Father's Day or Mother's Day to those whom we sincerely love and esteem.

To recognize the patriotic spirit of our young men and women who enter the service of their nation.

To instill the purposes, activi and objectives of the Brotherh into the lives of our children by m ing them Honorary Life Member their formative years.

To bestow living Christian me rials to our Brotherhood leaders they enter the Church Triumphant

To honor the memory of our d ones who have "gone before," m of whom have given years of cor crated service to the cause of Brotherhood and other great cau of our church.

To remember our young men a women who have made the supre sacrifice for their country and democratic way of life with an Memoriam membership.

To aid the work of evangelism the United Lutheran Church America through the Board of Soci Missions which directs this work f the Brotherhood.

These Honorary Life Membershi were received at the time of the l administrative committee meeting.

NEW YORK SYNOD
Ralph J. Wohlsen
MARYLAND SYNOD
Fred W. Konemann

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y Scouts

EORGE A. EICHLER

s should

the church which sponsors them. seems only fair but it is some- forgotten. Scouts often make derable noise at their meetings are at times hard on the furni- If this is not counterbalanced by e to the church the troop may an unwilling sponsor on its s.

ery troop should keep this mat- service to the church constantly ind, not only with the idea of ng back for a favor received, but velop in the minds of the scouts habit and attitude of helping people at all times. One of the needs of this day and age is people to learn to care for other le. It is not enough to learn to and be able to think. We must learn to do something construc- about the good things we have ned as scouts.

SCOUTS BECAUSE of their training are able to serve the church and community in numerous ways. They can serve as a safety patrol, be altar boys, play in an orchestra, be ushers, act as messengers, be ready to render first aid at Sunday-school picnics, to mention only a few examples of service. By being prepared at all times to render service, scouts will become regarded as an indispensable group in the life of the church and community, and will willingly be accorded a place to meet and carry on their worthwhile activities.

Question: Describe at least one definite service which your scout troop has performed for your church or community recently.

The author would like to have you answer this question in writing and send him a copy. Your answer would furnish good suggestions for other troops.

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Begin With the Boy

If you are ever going to do anything permanent for the average man, you have got to begin before he is a man. The chance of success lies in working with the boy and not with the man. That applies peculiarly to those boys who tend to drift off into courses which mean that unless they are checked they will be formidable additions to the criminal population when they grow older.

No nation is safe unless in the average family there are healthy, happy children. If these children are not brought up well, they are not merely a curse to themselves and their parents, but they mean the ruin of the state in the future.

—Theodore Roosevelt

NEWS

Report from Canada

REORGANIZATION of a brotherhood to function along the lines set forth in the ULCA Brotherhood constitution was effected in Trinity Church, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, according to a report by newly elected President W. H. Schuman. This group expects soon to affiliate with the ULCA Brotherhood.

"Trinity brotherhood in Saskatoon has been operating for some four years without any definite aims and objectives," wrote Mr. Schuman. "We are an active organization and ready to fulfill our purpose in the church.

"At our October meeting, we elected a new slate of officers, which set the way for a more active organization. Elected were President W. H. Schuman, Vice President Fred Fischer, Treasurer John Mang, Secretary Arnold Petrich.

"At our November meeting, the new slate of officers took over and those present decided that we reorganize along the lines set forth in the ULCA Brotherhood constitution. The number present was 24, three times as many as at the October meeting.

"The December meeting was in the form of a family night held at the Lutheran College and Seminary. This meeting was for the express purpose of showing our congregational members that we, the brotherhood, wanted all members to become active in our church and to develop the fellowship of our members which would ca into the homes.

"At our January meeting we appoint one of our members to re at regular intervals to *Lutheran Me*

THE CHURCH has not met chall ges presented by organized labor by Communism, delegates to fourth annual conference of the sociation of Lutheran Seminari held in St. Paul were told. "T church has more in common with bor than with any other group," s John Simmons, Minneapolis, befor discussion group of the conferen "Yet," said he, "we are losing battle against forces which would labor as a tool for anti-Christi ideas." Four hundred students fr 15 seminaries attended the meetin at Luther Seminary.

Nebraska Brotherhood

"SECULAR organizations do mu for their groups. If we don't evan lize we won't have much left in church."

Thus spoke Harry Swanson, Omaha, in his report on evangelis at the 33rd annual convention of t Nebraska synodical Brotherhood Oct. 15 in Grace Church, Omaha, t Rev. H. J. Goede, pastor. Theme the convention was "Advance, Church of God". A total of 126 me —75 visitors and 51 delegates — a tended the sessions, and 200 attende

anquet in the evening.

rl H. Schroer, principal of Ben- High school, Omaha, in a talk on work said:

oys are like fingerprints — no are alike. A boy may be dealt in three ways: 1. disciplinary city, 2. advisory capacity, and oluntary leadership, such as ing."

roducing the speaker, O. L. Stur- t, of Lincoln, retiring president e state Brotherhood, called at- on to the fact that among Oma- five high schools, four are head- y Lutherans, which, said he, is er exceptional."

ght sites for a camp are being tigated, according to a report by . Lingo, chairman of the camp committee. "Suitable camp sites carce, within our ability to pay," Mr. Lingo. Synod has given the herhood permission to ask for s in the congregations when a site is selected.

his report to the convention, dent Sturtevant recommended the organization set a goal of ty-five affiliated brotherhoods in Nebraska synodical Brotherhood g 1951. The recommendation adopted with this clause: "That nake every effort in the sight of ord to achieve this goal."

esident-elect Paul D. Basler, of Point, has personally committed elf to contact all churches in the aska Synod to see if they would terested in joining the synodical herhood. He and his executive nittee intend to have at least some of its members meet with any group of men desiring to organize a brotherhood.

Members of the brotherhood of Emmanuel Church, Tekamah, and their wives secured Samuel I. Berek, of Fremont, as the speaker at their December meeting. His subject was "Americanism or Brotherhood," and dealt with the racial inequalities in America. He emphasized the need in America for "unity, love, and faith."

—Paul Wiegman

South Carolina

THE ORGANIZATION of brotherhoods at St. Paul's, Aiken; Good Shepherd, Columbia; and Ridge Parish, Leesville, and the re-organization of Redeemer, Newberry, was reported at the 8th annual convention last fall of the South Carolina synodical Brotherhood, in Redeemer Church, Newberry, the Rev. Paul E. Monroe, Jr., pastor. President Edgar Rugheimer presided at the business session, which was the best attended of any previous convention.

Due to the CHEY appeal no active campaign was made on the Loan and Gift Fund appeal. With $34,446 already in the Loan fund, the Brotherhood decided to press toward its goal of $50,000. Loans have already been made to five newly organized congregations.

The Brotherhood pledged its synod to underwrite the expenses of one Lutheran radio broadcast next spring. The synod is co-operating with other synods in the Southeast in sponsoring a series of broadcasts for this section.

The building program at Lutheridge, the Lutheran assembly grounds in North Carolina, was heartily endorsed.

At the evening banquet session the banquet was attended by 192 men. Luther G. Boliek, prominent layman, civic and business leader, of Hickory, N.C., gave an address on "The Christian in Today's World." Mr. Boliek is past president of the North Carolina Brotherhood, a member of the executive board of the North Carolina Synod, and a member of the ULC Board of Deaconess Work.

Dr. James C. Kinard, president of Newberry College, who was toastmaster at the banquet, installed the following newly elected officers: President, Clarence L. Sox, 1025 "B" Avenue, West Columbia, S.C.; Vice President, R. Hoy Caugham, R.F.D., Leesville, S.C.; Secretary, Fred D. Lott, Box 262, Greenville, S.C.; Treasurer, J. W. Ballentine, R.F.D. 2, Columbia, S.C.; Extension Secretary, W. Archie Dodgen, 106 Powell St., Graniteville, S.C.; Pastoral Advisor, the Rev. Horace J. C. Lindler, 1332 Pearl St., Newberry, S.C.

—W. Archie Dodgen
Publicity Director

THE TEXAS synodical Brotherhood went on record as heartily in favor of carrying out the evangelism program adopted by the ULCA Brotherhood convention at Cedar Rapids, at its annual fall Presidents' Rally, in St. Matthew's Church, Kenedy, according to a report by Secretary W. F. Kautz. This was the largest Presidents' Rally ever held in the Texas synod, with brotherhoods represented and 72 in attendance. President Arthur K ler presided, and gave reports on Brotherhood convention at C Rapids and the ULCA conventio Des Moines. Vice President G. Beckers had charge of the progr which was based on the Ten Ob tives and presented under the t heads, Evangelize, Educate, Energ The theme of the rally was, "Adva O Church of God!"

AN INCREASE of $400,000 in 1951 goal for Lutheran World Act to provide a spiritual ministry Lutheran men and women in armed forces has been voted by executive committee of the Natio Lutheran Council. Addition of emergency program to the list LWA causes will raise the t amount sought this year from 900,000 to $3,300,000, and will cessitate a slight upward revision the askings from the eight chu bodies participating in the NLC.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS for Navajo I an children were made possi through the sale of papers gathe by Cub Pack 40 of the Luthe Church of Our Redeemer, Oma Nebr. The money was sent to missi aries working among the Nav tribe. The Brotherhood elected th officers for this year: President, thur Engelhardt; Vice President, nie Hultman, and Secretary-Treasu David March.

UCATION FOR LIVING

RL S. RUDISILL

All Wool — Genuine Christian Living

g WORLD has a surplus of sham. g the wheat from the chaff con- much time and effort — too In the newspapers, magazines, s, radio, diplomacy, politics, ven in church relationships we shams and make-believes. All counterfeits, knavery, and chi- are expressions of warped cters. They call for discrimina- and wariness. And the individ- need re-education as Christians. of my old teachers used to re- "When one has learned to read wspaper he has really learned thing." There are various areas we need to scan with open eyes nowing minds.

Double Living

e world or two worlds — how we hear about this question. By ne this appears in print our civ- on may have become one or her. But there are similar alter- s in human lives. Many individ- live double lives or even mani- ives. William James used to re- that we have as many selves as ave interests—domestic, social, h, business, etc. That is normal. hen one permits his personality come segmented so that one part consistent with another, it is se-

ain and again one learns of a hman whose business activities are quite out of harmony with Christian living. "That's business." Thus he may defend himself. But fraud, misrepresentation, and dishonesty are also unchristian. A man or woman may be kind, courteous, and considerate at home, but the very opposite on the outside. Some individuals do a lot of talking about what they have done or plan to do, but their acts fall far short. There are persons who crowd all their religion into Sunday (or into Lent), and on other days no one would guess they were church members. Gross inconsistency in living weakens one's whole character and in time will rob him of inner peace.

Integrated Life

Jesus Christ was the only fully integrated person — with all life organized about a mighty faith and purpose. He only could challenge men with "Which of you convicted me of sin?"

One's whole life can be a unity. With the help of God and with personal will, an individual can bring his feelings, urges, interests, aspirations, expressions, and self-restraints into line with Christian faith and ideals. It won't happen in a flash — it will take a lifetime. But each day can bring it a little nearer.

Even when one has set goals, given vows, and made a good start, he will

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NLC News Photo

Four of the 23 foreign Lutheran theological students who attended a conference held f them in Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 24-25, chat between sessions with Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quis ssistant executive director of the National Lutheran Council. Reading from left, the pictu shows Victor Roennfeldt, of Australia, student at Chicago Lutheran Theological Semina in Maywood, Ill.; Kjell Jordheim, of Norway, intern at Bethel Lutheran Church (Augustan in Chicago; Dr. Lund-Quist; Paul Toaspern, of Germany, student at Union Theologic Seminary in New York City, and Robert Brecheisen, of France, student at the Luther Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. The conference was sponsored by the U. S. Committee for the Lutheran World Federation.

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find there is a tendency for life to pull apart. It can even go wild and "ride off in all directions."

Worship, service, meditation, determination, and openness to the will of God will bring more and more of unity and contentment. A life organized around Christ is the most serviceable, the best example, and the strongest spiritual fortress agai temptation and days of trouble.

The Catechism in the Near East

Nowhere in the world today can yo hear the children recite Luther's catechis as the Moslem kids do. It thrills you heart to hear them recite better than an confirmation class I ever heard, and t tell Bible stories and sing Christian hymn in a manner which would put many o our western Sunday schools to shame.

—Dr. Edwin Mol

HE BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION

CHARLES F. BROBST

Standard of Efficiency

The North Carolina Brotherhood a number of years has in opera- n a Standard of Efficiency Sched- e. This has brought life and activity o local groups. The men have a al to shoot at. They have objectives fore them. Recognition upon suc- ssful achievement is a stimulus and entive for energetic participation. This standard has 13 items. The otherhood that meets the require- nts of each item is given a certain mber of credit points.

Each year the synodical brotherhood nds a statistical report form to each ngregational brotherhood. The 13 oints are listed and after each one is dicated whether or not the require- ent has been met. The sum of all the oints is the score of achievement.

Thanks to Leon Rivers, Box 1452, igh Point, N.C., for sending us a list the goals, which follow:

1. Affiliate with the synodical and n ted Lutheran Church Brotherhood nd keep all dues paid.

2. 50% of the brotherhood mem- ership yearly subscribes to *Lutheran len.*

3. 25% of the men of the congrega- on interested members of the broth- erhood, and present at eight or more meetings during the year.

4. Use at least eight of the topics in *Lutheran Men* during the year.

5. Observe Brotherhood Sunday annually and give a public program.

6. Meet at least once a month and hold at least four social meetings a year.

7. Active committees covering the TEN NEW OBJECTIVES of our Brotherhood with definite progress shown in each of the three main divisions.

8. Congregation to which brotherhood belongs pays its apportionment in full.

9. A contribution to the Brotherhood Gift Fund yearly.

10. Sponsor Boy Scout troop in your congregation.

11. One or more promising local brotherhood workers and your complete committee roster listed each year with your district vice-president.

12. One or more news articles about brotherhood activities sent to your district reporter each year.

13. One or more special activities each year.

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Do You Know That:

Washington's army at the battle of Trenton was composed largely of Lutherans?

DISCUSSING EVANGELISM AT CEDAR RAPIDS
President Ralph Wohlsen, Secretary Aubrey Mauney, Rev. Royal E. Lesher.

Evangelism Workshops

"THE SOCIAL Mission Board," wrote President Ralph J. Wohlsen, in his news-letter, Dec. 1, 1950, "is asking each synod to assist them in arranging for a series of institutes to be held during Lent this year. These institutes will be attended by one pastor and one layman for each ten congregations. The Brotherhood is now securing the names of these representative laymen, who will attend these institutes in their respective district, where all the details of the program will be explained, and successful

ethods of operation will be given. ere may also be lay representatives from the Women's Missionary ciety and the Luther League attending these institutes.

"Immediately upon completion of e institutes these pastors and layen will return to their respective stricts and arrange congregational orkshops, where they will give the me instructions they received at the stitutes, and thus the entire church ill be organized for the program. eports of progress will be mailed by ch congregation to both the Social ission Board and the Brotherhood.

"At this time we have 420,000 inactive members of our church (one-third of our total membership). This is the *special* emphasis of the Brotherhood; though we will also work wherever possible on the whole Social Mission Board program, as it may direct.

"We the Brotherhood will need at least 400 men who are willing to attend the district institutes. We already have the names of 125 volunteers. If you are willing to serve our church in this responsibility, please drop me a postal card and tell me.

"For many years you men in the vast territories of our church have been asking for some Brotherhood programs that 'you could sink your teeth into.' *This is it!*"

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

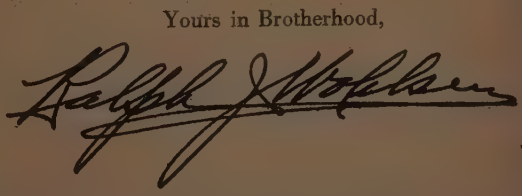
Dear Brothers:

Seventy-five per cent of the Brotherhood synodical organizations have reported their appointments for the evangelism program, now about to start. Those synods reporting represent 90 per cent of the affiiliated men's organizations of the church.

Material will start going forward to all these appointed directors within the next few weeks.

Now let's organize 90 per cent of the men of the church to "witness for Christ," by reactivating the lapsed members and Christianizing the unchurched.

Yours in Brotherhood,



Message From Headquarters

by EARLE W. BADER

SCOUT SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

AN INCREASING number of our United Lutheran congregations are developing the physical, mental and spiritual growth of their boys through the Brotherhood-sponsored program of scouting.

It is the sincere hope of the U.L.C.A. Boy Scout committee that our pastors, church councilmen and troop committees will join hands in the observance of Scout Sunday on February 11. Most desirable is a recognition of the occasion at the regular worship service, regardless of whether or not your congregation sponsors a Boy Scout troop.

The theme of the 41st Boy Scout Anniversary week, February 6-12, will be "Strengthen Liberty." "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10) was successfully used as the theme for our 1950 Boy Scout services. We again commend this scripture passage as the basis for your 1951 Scout Sunday observance.

Since freedom has its source in religious concepts and depends on the practice of religion for its preservation, it is vitally important that these lofty principles upon which our nation was founded should again be laid on the hearts of scouts, scouters and our congregations alike on this important occasion.

The accentuation of spiritual values and blending of scouting into the program of the church is the goal of the Scout Sunday observance. In these days of confused thinking we need to be reminded that the basic character-building agencies, the home, church and school, are the best means to inculcate the spirit of Christian liberty into the hearts and minds of our Lutheran scouts and their adult leaders.

There are Boy Scouts in every congregation and in every community. It is for them that Scout Sunday is set apart. Let's make it a day that the boys will remember — a day that will point up the fact that their congregation IS concerned about them in a specific way.

Here are a few suggestions respectfully offered to assist you in arranging your Scout Sunday observance:

(a) Invite all units of your Boy Scout family to attend the worship services on Scout Sunday.

(b) Even though your church is not parent to scout units you, no doubt, have many boys who are in scouting units connected with other institutions.

(c) It would be impressive to have them in uniform and seated in pews reserved for them in front of the church.

(d) Use your Sunday church bulletins to inform the congregation about your plans for Scout Sunday. You may wish to include an appropriate message of appreciation for what scouting is doing for your local church and community.

If it is not out of harmony with the practices of your congregation, it would be very desirable to have your scouts and scouters present a short program similar to the one suggested as a part of your regular worship service on Scout Sunday.

If there are Boy Scouts who have fulfilled all of the requirremnts for the *Pro Deo et Patria* award, it would be appopriate to make the presentations at the worship service on Scout Sunday. Be sure that all arrangements for securing the award have been completed in dvance.

A statement by the pastor concerning the *Pro Deo et Patria* Lutheran Church award and an invitation from him to counsel with boys who wish to undertake this spiritual adventture would give much impetus to the program.

Recognize scouts who have already achieved the award by having them usher or participate in the services. Perhaps one of them could give a short talk on his experiences in achieving the award.

Distribute informative literature regarding the award to scouts and their parents.

During Scout Week your boys should be encouraged to do some missionary work in going out to bring unchurched boys of the community into the troop, and by that means into the Sunday school and church.

Boy Scout Sunday could also be the occasion for a church investiture ceremony for all new Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers of your parish who have not been publicly invested during the year.

NCE IT is the desire of many pas- to arrange their own program, are merely including a general ne of Boy Scout participation :h may be adapted for use at one our worship services on February r any other Sunday during Feby. Regardless of whether you pre- to emphasize scouting at your f service or at a vesper service, important thing is to recognize value of bringing your uniformed ts and scouters to church in a ip.

pace will not permit us to enumer- the many reasons for a Scout day observance. However, these inent benefits should be a suffit reward for your effort in arrangthis service: (1) a renewed interby your congregation in support- your program of developing Luther churchmen and Christian citizens to dedicate themselves to the principle of a "free church serving a free people"; (2) your scoutmaster and troop committee will be encouraged to continue their unselfish service to your Lutheran boys; and (3) your scouts will be strenghtened in their loyalties to their congregation when they are assured of your interest in their welfare.

Please write to ULCA Boy Scout Headquarters, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., for information to organize a scout troop, also free scouting packet, which contains "Scouting in the Lutheran Church" manual and application blanks to enroll your scouts as candidates for the *Pro Deo et Patria* award.

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February 11, 1951

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(This is the signal for scouts to come forward in good order from reserved sea
front pews; face audience).

FLAG CEREMONIES

Pledge of Allegiance ..... Congrega
(Color guard may present flags — Boy Scout may lead the pledge).

TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of The United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

"I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Saviour for whose Kingdom it stands, one Brotherhood uniting all mankind in service and love."

PRAYER ..... Boy S
"Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, make us worthy of all our blessings, of our parents, our homes, our schools, our church, and our country. Lead and guide us in our recreation and our work, that it all may redound to Thy Glory. Amen."

SCOUT PROMISE AND LAW ..... Boy S
TALK: "THE PRO DEO ET PATRIA AWARD" ..... Sco
VOCAL OR INSTRUMENTAL SELECTION ..... Boy S
SERMON: "STRENGTHEN LIBERTY" ..... The Pa
SONG: "ONWARD, BOY SCOUTS, ONWARD" ..... Boy Sc
(To the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers")

Onward, Boy Scouts, onward
Brothers for the right,
Live our Scout Laws, gladly,
Onward in their light
Let the Oath of Loyalty
Mark our trail each day,
So this legend guide our journey
"Be Prepared", always!

Live the life of Honor
Word that Truth designed,
Loyal be and helpful,
Friendly, courteous, kind,
Practice now obedience,
With a cheerful part,
Thrifty, brave and clean completely,
Reverent in heart.

(CHORUS)
Onward, Boy Scouts, onward
Brothers for the right,
Live the Scout Laws gladly,
Onward in their light!

RECESSIONAL ..... The Orga

THE SCOUT PROMISE

"On my honor I will do my best,
To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is Trustworthy
A Scout is Loyal
A Scout is Helpful
A Scout is Friendly
A Scout is Courteous
A Scout is Kind
A Scout is Obedient
A Scout is Cheerful
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Increasing Attendance

by E. S. HJORTLAND

A frank discussion . . .

E. S. Hjortland is the senior pastor of Central Lutheran Cathedral Church, Minneapolis, Minn., one of the largest Lutheran congregations in the United States. The church has a seating capacity of three thousand.

Pastor Hjortland was educated at St. Olaf College and Luther Theological Seminary. He did post-graduate work at Columbia and Chicago universities, and has traveled extensively both in America and Europe. During World War II he was post chaplain at Camp Patrick Henry, Va., with the rank of major. While there he received a special citation for his work among the troops.

Pastor Hjortland is active in civic affairs, giving much of his time to community projects, welfare societies, and the council of churches. He is a Rotarian. In 1948 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from St. Olaf College. In March 1949, he was selected as one of "Minnesota's Hundred Living Great."

How FAITHFUL are the men of congregation in attending church vices? There are churches where of all ages attend regularly, and large numbers. Young people drawn to the church when men tend.

In many churches the congre tion is composed primarily of aged and the women. Here and th in the pews will be found a youth, several young couples an few men in the prime of life.

The situation that pertains in own church will be revealed by study which a committee of Brotherhood made during the p month. (Call on the committee sponsible for Assignment 1, a, b, c-cf. the February Topic.)

Why do men so often stay a from church services? There is p haps no single answer, but if we m an honest effort to understand w men stay away, and what makes appealing service to men, we m succeed in increasing their number church services.

Editorial Committee:
Arthur H. Getz, chairman, Charles E. Jo son, C. Oscar Leonardson, E. V. Morton, C E. Schock.

Reasons for Non-Attendance

Request those at the meeting to pre- t the reasons given to them by the n-churchgoers for their absence m church (cf. Assignment 2, end February Topic.) List these rea- s on the blackboard.

The topic leader may from time to e supplement reasons given by the n by adding some of the follow- reasons, which should also be ed on the blackboard:

1. I'm tired when Sunday comes d I need rest.
2. Church services are very boring.
3. I can get along without religion.
4. I'm just as good as the people o go to church.
5. I had too much church when I s a youngster and made up my ind when I could choose my own urch interest I would stay away.
6. The minister doesn't talk about bjects that relate to us. (One person id, "Our pastor never gets out of rusalem!")
7. The church has too many ques.
8. The services are too slow and dull.
9. The minister preaches too long.
10. The minister doesn't preach the Gospel.
11. The sermons never touch on life's problems.
12. My wife takes care of the religion in our house.
13. I'd rather go fishing or golfing.

Making the Church Attractive

On the basis of the answers given by non-churchgoing people, the following conditions seem to be necessary if men are to be attracted to the church:

1. *The minister must be approachable and a friend of the people.* His theological training and natural gifts can be quite ordinary, provided he possesses the ability to walk on the same level of thought and interest as his people. He dare not be an extremist in dress, politics, or economic ideas. He must display common sense and honesty in the handling of his earthly goods, and justice and kindness in his association with his fellowmen. He need not sell out any

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1. To get a true picture of the extent to ich members of the congregation and par- ularly members of the Brotherhood, attend urch services (statistics by age groups ould be helpful).
2. To discover the reasons and excuses ng behind non-attendance or irregular atten- nce.
3. To list plans and procedures which will lp to increase church attendance.
4. To take practical steps as individuals and a Brotherhood organization to increase urch attendance.

Worship

Hymn: "I Love Thy Zion, Lord"—No. 199 C.S.B., or No. 131 P.S.H.
Scripture: John 15:1-11
Prayer: Collects No. 38 and No. 41, C.S.B.
Special Music
Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"—No. 198 C.S.B., or No. 135 P.S.H.
Hymn: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
Topic
No. 197 C.S.B., or No. 136 P.S.H.
Prayer, including the Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Business
Fellowship and Refreshments

principles nor become a loud-mouthed, back-slapping, hail-fellow-well-met preacher. But he must be naturally kind, well-mannered, and strong.

2. *The minister's message must be meaningful.* It must begin where the people are, take them to where God is, and not lose any of them on the way. The outline should be clear, and there must be a definite linking of the holy Word with the daily lives of the people.

3. *The morning service should be attractive.* It should have no "dead spots." The liturgy should be understandable and should "march". The whole service should move, expressing life and objective. The language should not be foreign to the average worshipper.

Attention should be paid to physical factors. In many churches the *lighting* could be improved. Sometimes there are sharp, bright lights directly in back of the pulpit, so that as people look at the minister those irritating bright lights disturb them. *Light, heat, fresh air* — these are factors which vitally affect the worship.

Ushers should realize the important part they play in creating a worshipful service. Some ushers mechanically go through their duties and fail to give a real welcome to both members and strangers. Ushers should be tidy, with coats buttoned, and *no gum chewing*. They must be alert, come to the services early, carefully watch their assigned area, and they should stay until all the people have gone. The ages of the ushers should vary. Young, middle-aged, and elderly ushers provide a wider range of appeal, interest, and understanding.

The morning worship should be looked upon as *a co-operative enterprise*. Organist, choir director, singers, ushers, pastors, and worshipers must all unite in making an effective, memorable hour in the presence of God.

What Can Laymen Do?

It may seem presumptuous for laymen to advise the minister, but there are many ministers who would welcome the honest counsel of faithful members. A successful worship service is too important to allow personal feelings to get in the way. Here are some things that laymen can do:

1. *Deal fairly by your pastor.* Do you expect him to be well-read, to speak from a background of knowledge and experience? Then remember that if he is to maintain a high intellectual and spiritual level in the pulpit he must be adequately paid. Books that must be purchased, special study at schools, occasional travel to distant places, conventions that must be attended—all these cost money. But the parish that adequately supports its minister financially finds that the benefits return many times over. There are still too many low-salaried ministers. Their salaries sound sufficient, and even high, in comparison with the remuneration of people in some other occupations; but too often church trustees fail to appreciate the cost of a minister's education, the constant drains on his purse because he is a minister, and the price of intellectual and spiritual growth.

2. *How to provide an orderly, attractive, spiritually uplifting service.* Talk matters over with your pastor. Help to provide good ushering, lighting, heating, and ventilation. See that the church is clean and in good repair. Be on the lookout for improvements. Do not criticize or nag or dictate. But be kindly persistent. Co-operate with others.

3. *Be enthusiastic about your church, and show your enthusiasm.* There isn't anything that increases church attendance more readily than members who talk enthusiastically during the week about their church and the minister's sermon. If the non-church people feel that something is being said and done at the church which will contribute to their lives, their happiness, and peace of mind, then all the excuses offered for staying away from church will be quickly forgotten.

4. *Invite your neighbors and friends to come with you to church.* In a recent series of services those in charge asked the audience to indicate what was the deciding factor in bringing them to the services. One-fifth came because a friend had invited them to attend. Word of mouth is still the best means of advertising and drawing people into the church.

5. *Call on all new families in your area,* welcome them to your community, and then start them on their way to a happy church relationship. Try this at your first opportunity. It will give you a lasting satisfaction.

6. After inviting others to come to the church, and if necessary calling at their homes on Sunday and taking them to church with you, follow through and *introduce your guests to the pastor and to other members of the congregation.* Friendliness among the members, and toward strangers, creates an atmosphere of welcome.

7. *Enlist members and visitors in the organization of the congregation.* People who are actively interested in church organizations have, as a rule, a strong interest in the total church program. They take a natural pride in their church. It is therefore wise to get as many people as possible interested in the various phases of the church's program. Men should be enlisted for Boy Scouts, ushering, singing in the choir, serving on committees, participating in the Brotherhood, serving on every member visitation groups, and other projects. Even a well-planned, Christian-spirited campaign for funds invariably leaves a congregation stronger and with people who are more vitally interested in the church than before the campaign.

8. *Help to overcome cliques if they exist.* Many congregations still permit an endless succession of the same officers. There is always danger that this will permit the development of a group which feels that it "owns" the church. Many a congregation drags along because some kindly old person who has long ceased to provide imagination, vigorous leadership, or inspiration continues to hold office. The members are afraid to hurt his feelings, and so the church limps along.

9. *Help members of the congregation become familiar wth the liturgy*

and hymns. This can frequently be done in connection with meetings of the organizations.

10. *Provide good music.* Encourage and support the choir, organist, and choir director. Find out what type of music the people like to hear. What anthems inspire? What songs do they especially dislike?

11. *Discuss the sermon at the Brotherhood meeting.* Have the men write down subjects on which they would like to have the pastor preach.

12. *Prepare attractive announcements of coming services for the church bulletin.*

13. *Make full use of newspaper announcements.*

14. *Sponsor a "Visitor's Sunday,"* when every member is to bring a friend.

Questions for Discussion

1. *How can we more effectively support the work of our minister?* Is he adequately paid? Does he have time to study and to prepare adequately? Do we believe he should be more active in community and civic organizations? Does he have adequate help in the administration of church affairs so that he does not need to be a chore boy? Do we believe our minister could profit by a few lessons in effective public speaking? These are all delicate questions, and it's quite possible that members may be reluctant to discuss some of them. But if they can be discussed in the spirit of Christ, they would touch the heart of the problem as to why men do not go to church.

2. *Does the church need acoustic* treatment or a loudspeaking system?

3. *Is the liturgy sung well, and the music appropriate and inspiring?* Is the liturgy understood by the worshipers?

4. *Is adequate attention given to physical conditions* — lighting, heating, ventilation, a clean and attractive church?

5. *Is the chancel worshipful?* Does it create an attitude of reverence in which it is easy to direct one's thoughts toward God?

6. *Is the ushering well done?* Are there enough ushers? Do you think there ought to be a new set of ushers every two or three months? Are the ushers varied enough in age? Do you have an ushering society where these problems are discussed?

7. *Is ample use made of the organizations to integrate members into the life of the congregation?*

8. *Is adequate use made of available avenues of publicity?*

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A World Church

Assignments for April

Why do we have synods or districts, national bodies, a National Lutheran Council, and a Lutheran World Federation? What is the function of each? Who founded the church? What has been its history and development? Only as we can answer such questions can we put heart into the hymn as we sing, "My Church, My Church, My Dear Old Church, My Father's and My Own."

As Brotherhood men our Fourth Objective is to "Foster an intelligent and appreciative understanding of the whole work of the whole church." In order to get ready for the discussion of this topic at the April meeting, committees should be appointed to report on as many of the following assignments as possible:

1. Learn as many facts about your synod or district as you can. What is its size? What territory does it cover? Who are its officers?

here are its headquarters? What is its work? hat institutions does it support?

2. What is the name of the national body which our congregation belongs? What is numerical strength? Who are its officers? here is its headquarters? What is its work?

3. Make a study of the workings of the urch's auxiliaries, particularly the Brotherod. What is the relationship of the auxilies to the local congregation and to the tional church body?

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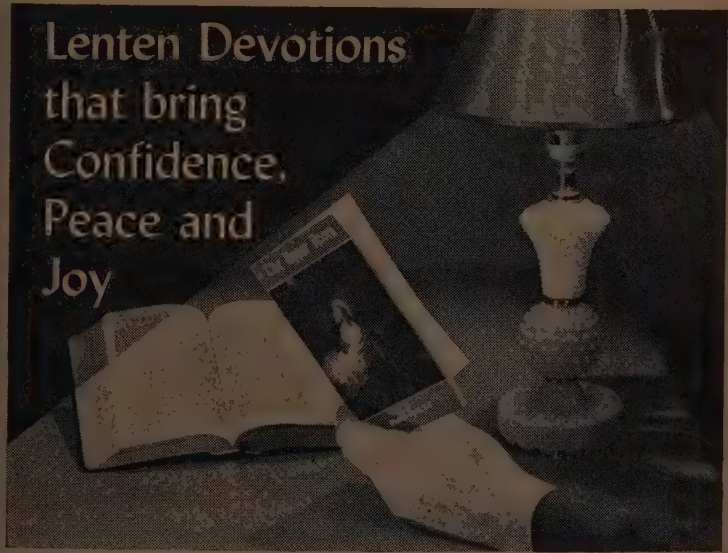
They Challenge Us

With every passing year it becomes more clearly evident that a walled-in gospel cannot save the world. The church must get back to original methods. If a fishing boat or the crumbling stone circle of a well was a good enough rostrum for the Master, a step ladder or a soap box should be good enough for any of his followers . . . It is a good thing to have a bishop talk religion in LaSalle Street, it would be a better thing if a banker would do so. If religion is to be brought back again to everyday life, into the life of the street and the mart, laymen must do it.

—A Chicago newspaper



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The Editor's Page

Radical Evangelizing

IF EVER a more thoroughgoing evangelizing was needed, it is needed today. Let us call it radical evangelizing, if you don't mind.

We need the kind of evangelizing that gets down to the roots of life; not the kind of ingathering that merely rings doorbells and enlists a new statistic for the yearbook, or signs up a new contribution for current expenses and $7 for benevolence; but the kind that challenges lapsed members and unchurched to repent and have faith in Christ.

Nor should we be unmindful of the fact that members in good standing in the church also need daily repentance.

Repentance means sorrow for sin and a turning toward God in faith. But sorrow for sin often amounts to only a superficial regret for a specific wrongdoing that has been worn out or is not yet ready to be cast off. And turning toward God in faith often means nothing more than giving consent to correct doctrine and joining a church.

Now repentance does mean sorrow for sin and turning toward God, but in its roots it also means a *change* of heart and mind, a *transformation* of life.

LOVE ONE another, said Christ; but John who is on the church council and John who has not been in church for years, detest Jews. Forgive your enemies, said Christ; but neither Helen of the Ladies' Aid nor Helen of Mothers of World War II can forgive their daughters who married Catholics. Do good to those who persecute you, said Christ; but the president of a pastoral association and the president of a civic club believe the United Nations should at once drop atom bombs on Russia.

The gift of God is eternal life, said St. Paul; but a preacher and a president of a philosophical society are unanimous in believing that man can make himself immortal. Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts and deeds, said Jesus; but a Sunday-school teacher and a college professor believe that sin is a vestige of animal ancestry, which will be outgrown by mankind in due time. He that exalteth himself shall be abased, said Christ; but there is not a single person who does not think more highly of himself than he ought.

YOU CAN find these characters everywhere — in the church and outside the church. So what difference is there between the churched and the unchurched?

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ld that he gave his only begotten u, that whosoever believeth . . ."

Believeth? Yes, to believe that Je- is the Christ, is God himself, who d for the sins of the world — this what the Gospel requires. But it is comprehensible how anybody can ieve in Christ's person and work not in what he *said* and *intended*, try to incorporate this into his nking, no matter how difficult it y be.

What is the essence of sin if it is man's inclination — from Adam's on — to think and act in contra- tion to God? St. Peter accepted rist, but he often thought the ughts of Satan, disbelieving the rds and intention of Christ (Matt. 32). And it took quite a long time Peter to become truly converted, he could think the thoughts of God.

LIFE is a constant battle against l in high places. And one of these h places is the inner citadel of a rson's heart, where is enthroned the ' that tends to think and live in ntradiction to God. Christ stands the door of the citadel and knocks, the door can be opened only from inside. The door will be opened y when the "I" becomes persuaded his own mind, through the power the Holy Spirit.

Evangelizing must lay upon men's arts the Word of God: the reality d curse of sin, the mercy and for- eness of God; trusting only in the wer of the Holy Spirit to penetrate walls of the citadel.

If men and women do not truly re- pent and believe, the structure of life will go the way of all other individuals, cities, and nations that knew not the day of their visitation. The world crisis today is more than a politcal, social, and ideological disturbance which will be corrected if we put certain culprits and nations in their proper places.

We must beware against supposing that only the other fellow has all the faults that make life miserable for everybody.

For when the last political and economic enemies of man shall be destroyed, we shall be no closer to the Kingdom of God and peace on earth than before; for there will still remain that enemy within, the old Adam, which must be destroyed by daily sorrow and repentance, until the new man arises, who is Christ dwelling in us through faith.

This is what radical evangelizing means.

By all means, let us evangelize, but let us try to get down to the roots of life. Let evangelizing be the kind that causes all to fall on their knees, crying, "Lord, what must I do to be saved?"

LUTHERAN COLLEGE SPORTS

A LUTHERAN boy, Bob Winckler, of Pear River, N.Y., ace halfback for the gridiron Seahawks, was chosen as the most valuable Wagner College (Staten Island, N.Y.) player for the recent season by Kappa Sigma Alpha fraternity. The frat presented Wink, who scored five touchdowns in his final year, with its MVP trophy.

ARCHITECTS' PLANS for the Physical Education Building, of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., which include classrooms and offices as well as a gymnasium and swimming pool, are already on the drawing-board. For physical education purposes and student recreation the main gymnasium will have a floor space of 100 by 112 feet, with two or possibly three basketball courts running from side to side. For basketball games against visiting teams, one large court running lengthwise will be used, with seating capacity to accommodate a minimum of 2800, and with a possible increase to 4200 seats. "Our need for better physical education facilities has long been recognized by the college, its trustees, staff, faculty, students, alumni and friends commented Dr. Levering Tyso Muhlenberg president.

WITH THE exception of Arnol which replaces Moravian, the Se hawks of Wagner College, Staten I land, N.Y., will play the same foo ball schedule this year as last yea The 1951 schedule is:

Sept.	29	Susquehanna ..... awa
Oct.	6	Arnold ..... hon
	13	Swarthmore ..... hon
	20	CCNY ..... hon
	27	Ursinus ..... awa
Nov.	3	Upsala ..... hon
	10	PMC ..... hon
	17	Kings Point ..... awa
	24	Hofstra ..... awa

THE CORNERSTONE for the ne gymnasium of Wagner College, Sta en Island, N.Y., was laid in Decem ber with ceremonies presided over b Dr. Walter Langsam, college pres dent, and Dr. Frederic Sutter, pres dent of the board of trustees. It is ex pected that the building, which wi have a seating capacity of 1700, wi be completed for the 1951-52 baske ball season.

Today's Children

The religious illiteracy of our day is indicated by the story of a child in Washington who, on seeing a picture of the Madonna and the Christ child, asked her mother who the baby was. Upon being told, she asked: "Who is the lady, a sitter?"

—Harold L. Bowman

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